enable design of project components and preparation of cost estimate etc.

(c) Yes, Sir. The proposal of providing special Central assistance to nationally important projects in the country has not been accepted by the Planning Commission for inclusion in VIII Plan.

Development of Inter-State River Valleys

4015. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that responsibility for development of inter-state river valleys rests with the Union Government;

(b) if so, what are the names of the Departments/Organisations vested with this responsibility and the number of valleys so far developed by them; and

(c) if not, what arrangements are proposed to be undertaken for such works and the reasons for which no Central Organisation has been set up so far?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V.C. SHUKLA): (a) According to Entry 56 of List-I (Union List) of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, regulation and development of inter-state rivers and river valleys to the extent to which such regulation and development under the control of the Union is declared by Parliament by law to be expedient in the public interest, becomes responsibility of the Central Government.

(b) Invoking the powers conferred under Article 246 of the Constitution, an act to provide for establishment of River Boards for regulation and development of inter-State rivers and river valleys was enacted by the Parliament in 1956. Further, Betwa River Board, Act, 1976 enacted by the Parliament enabled Central Government to establish a Board for creation and regulation of reservoir at Raj Ghat by construction of a dam on Betwa River on behalf of Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. Also, Brahmaputra Board Act, 1980 enabled Union Government to establish a Board for planning and integrated implementation of measures for the control of floods and bank erosion in the Brahmaputra valley and for matters connected therewith;

(c) Does not arise

Career Prospects of the Engineers Engaged in Water Resources Projects

4016. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Seventh Lok Sabha's Public Accounts Committee have recommended improved career prospects for the engineers engaged in the planning, investigations and designs of water resources project;

(b) whether only one cadre review has been implemented for the Central Water Engineering Service Grade-A sometime in 1986 even though four triennial cadre reviews should have been completed during the last twelve years;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of posts earmarked for direct recruits in Central Water Engineering Service Grade-A have been lying vacant due to resignations and reluctance of bright engineers to join; and

(d) if so, what measures are being taken to attract and retain talented officers?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V.C. SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two Cadre Reviews carried out in 1976 and 1985 for Central Water Engineerng (Group-A) Service, have been implemented. The third Cadre Review is under processing.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.